

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. .... 10/686,380  
FILING DATE ..... 15 October 2003  
INVENTOR ..... Theresa Ditter  
GROUP ART UNIT ..... 3734  
EXAMINER ..... Eric D. Blatt  
ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. .... 47563.0004  
TITLE ..... "Vascular Sealing Device With Locking Hub"

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

To: Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

From: L. Grant Foster  
HOLLAND & HART LLP  
P.O. Box 11583  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110  
Telephone: (801) 799-5830  
Facsimile: (801) 799-5700

In response to the Office Action dated 22 January 2008, applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-30). Applicant therefore withdraws, with traverse and without prejudice, claims 31-37.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of his paper.